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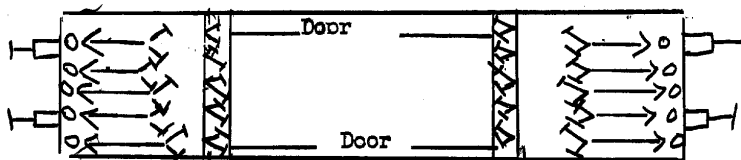
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1. Railroad passenger cars have been used since 1952 for the transportation of officers and EM between the USSR and Germany. RR boxcars were used only at the height of the demobilization and replacement seasons. Demobilized personnel leaving Germany were put in ordinary passenger trains at Frankfurt/Oder /5221N-1433E/when there was space available.

2. When a boxcar was used to transport troops it was the custom to load a maximum of 20 men to a car (telyat'nik) both in the USSR and in Germany. The following diagram represents the bedding arrangement in such a boxcar, showing the men sleeping in the two tiers of wooden bunks at each end of the car; each tier held five men.



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3. [Redacted] If new units had arrived either from the USSR or from Poland, such an event would have entailed considerable administrative problems and would have been the subject of discussion at Military Council meetings [Redacted]

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4. Replacements arrived in Frankfurt/Oder wearing red shoulder boards with black piping (Infantry insignia). At the Transit Camp they were issued black shoulder boards with red piping (shoulder boards of the tank and mechanized troops).

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